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Minutes Of March 9, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator Cropsey – 1:08 P.M.
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Present
Senator Stamas – Present
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Clarke – 1:13 P.M.
Senator Basham – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from March 2, 2010.

Motion by Senator Patterson to approve the minutes from February 9, 2010, and was supported by Senator Basham.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Excused
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Excused
Senator Basham – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opened up testimony on Senate Bill 332.
 1. Connie Burgess, representing Senator Jelinek, spoke to introduce the bill.
 2. Mildred Dodak, representing the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, spoke briefly and supports the bill.
 3. Joyce Watts, representing the Michigan Association of Registers, did not wish to speak but supports the bill.
 4. Tim Ward, representing the Michigan Land Title Association, did not wish to speak but supports the bill.
 5. Kim Rhead did not wish to speak but supports the bill.

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Motion by Senator Cropsey to adopt the (S-4) substitute for Senate Bill 332, supported by Senator Basham.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

Motion by Senator Cropsey to report Senate Bill 332 (S-4) with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opened up testimony on House Bills 4221 and 4222.
 1. Representative Ebli and Nathan Triplett spoke briefly to introduce the bills.
 2. Mary Lorik, representing the MI Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, spoke briefly and supports the bills.
 3. Kathy Hagenian, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, did not wish to speak but supports the bills.
 4. Stephanie Johnson, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project, did not wish to speak but supports the bills.
 5. Elizabeth Lyon, representing the State Bar of Michigan, did not wish to speak but supports the bills.

Motion by Senator Patterson to report House Bill 4221 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect, supported by Senator Basham.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

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Motion by Senator Basham to report House Bill 4222 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect, supported by Senator Stamas.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opened up testimony on House Bill 4248.

1. Lonnie Scott, representing Representative Smith, spoke briefly to introduce the bills.

Motion by Senator Cropsey to report House Bill 4248 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect, supported by Senator Stamas.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 1:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marnie Wills, Clerk

Wayne Kuipers, Chair

Date Approved